



**Congressional delegation to Israel and the Palestinian Territories
Final Itinerary—May 29, 2009**

Friday, May 22nd

16:45—Pick up from House office buildings to Washington National Airport

19:00—Delta Flight (DCA-ATL)
Arrive: Atlanta

22:35—Delta Flight (ATL-TLV)
Arrive: **Saturday, May 23** Tel Aviv 17:25

Saturday May 23rd

17:25—Arrive in Tel Aviv, check-in to Dan Hotel

20:00 – 20:30—Welcome briefing from the New America Foundation’s Middle East Task Force

Dan Hotel, Crown Lounge

- **Amjad Atallah**, Director, Middle East Task Force
- **Daniel Levy**, Director, Middle East Task Force

20:30 – 22:30—‘What’s on the Israeli Political Agenda Today’ dinner with leading Israeli journalists

- **Gideon Levy**, Haaretz
- **Catherine Ormstad**, Economist

Overnight-Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel)

Sunday May 24th

9:00 – 12:30—Breakfast and tour of settlements and outpost situation in the West Bank

- **Hagit Ofran**, Director of Peace Now—Settlement Watch Program

12:30 End tour in Ramallah

13:00 – 15:00—Lunch with Palestinian women’s NGOs

- **Dr. Hanan Ashrawi**, Head, Executive Committee of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy (Miftah)
- **Lana Abu-Hejli**
- **Reema Abousha**

15:15 – 16:00— Meeting with former senior Palestinian security official Jibril Rajoub

16:15 Depart Ramallah for Tel Aviv

17:00 – 18:00—Roundtable meeting with Israeli human rights NGOs focused on situation in OPTs, the role of Israeli NGOs, and the legal system in Tel Aviv

- **Sari Bashi**, Gisha
- **Jessica Montell**, B'Tselem
- **Michael Sfard**, Yesh Din
- **Dan Yakir**, Association of Civil Rights in Israel
- **Alon Cohen-Lifshitz**, Bimkom
- **Oriela Ben-Or**, Ben-Or Consulting

19:00 Depart for drive North of Tel Aviv

20:30 – 22:15—Dinner in Wadi Ara area with leaders and NGOs from the Palestinian community in Israel

Albabour Restarant, Wadi Ara

- **Jafar Farah**, Mossawa
- **Sanaa Hammoud**, Ilam
- **Yousef Jabareen**, Association for Civil Rights in Israel
- **Nadim Rouhana**, Mada
- **Mahmoud Yazbak**, Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel

Overnight-Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel)

Monday May 25th

06:30 Morning Depart for Gaza

08:00—Arrive at Erez Crossing

- **Met and accompanied around Gaza by Stephanie Fox, UNRWA**

09:00 – 10:00—Equality in Action Initiative - visit to social and recreational spaces for women, Jabalyia Women's Programme Center

10:15 – 10:45—Visit to destroyed/damaged area of Izbet Abd Rabo and Karni Industrial Area

11:00 – 11:45—Respect and Discipline Initiative – meet with University professors (and School/Class Council)

12:00 – 12:45—Lunch at main UNRWA compound

- **Karen AbuZayd**, UNRWA Commissioner General
- **Taghreed el-Khodary**, New York Times journalist
- **Robert Hurt**; UNRWA

12:45 Depart Gaza City for the North

13:00 – 13:30—Drive through Atatra area, stop at American School

13:45 Arrive at Erez Crossing, depart Gaza for Sderot

15:00- 16:00 – Meeting with Eric Yellin, *Other Voice*

16:00-17:00—Tour of Sderot by office of the Mayor, with Shalom Helevy

17:00 Depart for Tel Aviv

18:15 – 19:15—Briefing with Israeli peace NGOs

- **Janet Aviad**, Peace Now
- **Gadi Baltiansky**, Geneva Initiative
- **Naomi Chazan** former MK, New Israel Fund

20:00 – 22:30—Dinner with the Economic Cooperation Foundation Think Tank—former security officials and policy analysts

- **Boaz Karni**, ECF treasurer and co-founder
- **Nimrod Novik** , advisor, Israeli National Security Council
- **Ilan Paz**, IDF Brigadier General (ret.), former Commander West Bank Divisions
- **Talia Sasson**, former head of the State Prosecution Criminal Department
- **Dov Tzedaka**, IDF Brigadier General (ret.), former Commander West Bank Divisions

Overnight-Tel Aviv (Dan Hotel)

Tuesday May 26th

8:15—9:30—Breakfast

- **Dr. Yossi Beilin**, President of Beilink: Business Foreign Affairs
- **Alon Pinkas**, Rabin Center's Institute for Israel-U.S. Relations

09:30-10:20 –Meeting at Peres Center for Peace

- **Dr. Ron Pundak**, Peres Center for Peace
- **Mike Prashker**, Merchavim

10:30 – 11:30—Expert briefing on Israel and the regional environment (including Syria and Iran)

- **Gadi Baltiansky**, Director General, Geneva Initiative
- **Shlomo Brom**, IDF Brigadier General (ret.); researcher, Institute for National Security Studies
- **Efraim Halevy**, Former Mossad chief
- **Galia Golan**, IDC university, Pugwash

12:00-13:00 – Briefing with Brigadier General Kamil Abu Rokon, Dep. Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)

- **Maj. General Moshe Levy**, Head of Gaza Coordination Unit
- **Colonel Alex Rozendweig**, Head of Civil Affairs Department, COGAT
- **Captain Uri**, Head of Foreign Relations COGAT
- **Yaacov Finkelstein**, Second Secretary, North America Department for Congressional Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:00 Depart Tel Aviv for Jerusalem

14:15 – 15:45—Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

16:00 – 17:00 – Meeting with U.S officials

- **John Carpenter**, Economic Section Chief
- **R. David Harden**, Deputy Head of USAID

17:15 Depart for Neve Shalom

18:00 – 19:00—Arrival and tour of Neve Shalom~Wahat al-Salam (*including hotel check in*)

- **Rita Boulos**, Director of Visits
- **Dorit Shippin**, Chair of the Administrative Board

19:30 – 22:00—Dinner with Neve Shalom~Wahat al-Salam community leaders

- **Dorit Shippin**, Chair of Administrative Board
- **Umar Ighbarieh**, Chair of the Educational Board
- **Anwar Daoud**, Principal of the Primary School
- **Ahmad Hijazi**, Director of the School for Peace
- **Eyas Shbeta**, General Manager of NSWAS
- **Howard Shippin**, Coordinator of Communications and Development
- **Eitan Kremer**, Infrastructure and General Planning
- **Deanna Armbruster**, Executive Director, American Friends of NSWAS

Wednesday May 27th

8:00 Depart Neve Shalom~Wahat al-Salam for Jerusalem

9:00 – 10:00 – Meeting with Ron Dermer, Senior Adviser for the PM

- **Michael Oren-Israel Ambassador to Israel nominee**

10:30 – 11:30—Meeting with Kadima Party leader and head of the Opposition MK Tzipi Livni together with Kadima MKs

Kadima Conference Room, Knesset

- **MK Orit Zuaretz**
- **MK Shlomo Mola**
- **MK Robert Tibiav**

11:30 – 12:00 – Visit to the Knesset "Melia" (voting hall)—Plenary Session

12:00 – 12:45—Lunch in Knesset with MK Ahmad Tibi, Leader of Ra'am Ta'al party (United Arab List party)

13:00 – 14:00—Meeting with senior Labor Party MKs

Public Committee Hall, Knesset

- **MK Amir Peretz**, former Defense Minister
- **MK Yuli Tamir**, former Minister of Education

14:00 – 14:45—Meeting with Dani Dayan, Chairman of the Yesha Council of Settlers in Judea and Samaria

Knesset

16:00 – 18:00—Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intelligence and Atomic Energy MK Dan Meridor

Office of the Prime Minister

18:30 – 19:30—Political and sight-seeing tour of Jerusalem's Old City, religious sites; followed by Strategic tour of the Jerusalem area and the Separation Barrier

- **Danny Seideman**, founder and legal advisor, Ir Amim

19:30 – 22:30—Dinner in the Old City with Israeli and Palestinian business and civil leaders, hosted by Palestinian business leader Mr. Zahi Khouri at his home

- **Maha Abu Daya**, General Director, The Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC).
- **Wafa Amr**, Senior Correspondent, Reuters
- **Arie Arnon**, Professor of Economics, Ben Gurion University
- **Bernard Avishai**, Professor of Business, Hebrew University; former journalist
- **Christian Berger**, EU Representative in East Jerusalem
- **Avrum Burg**, former Speaker of the Knesset
- **Mohamed Dahleh**, Arab Israeli lawyer

- **Robert Dann**, Senior Political Adviser, UNSCO
- **John Ging**, Head, UNRWA
- **Reema Hammami**, Professor of Anthropology based in the Women's Studies Institute at Birzeit University (Ramallah)
- **Ryan Hass**, Director, Professional Education and Training at the America Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).
- **Bassem Khoury**, Palestinian businessman
- **Marc Otte**, EU Special Representative to the Peace Process
- **Sabri Saidam**, Former Palestinian Minister of Telecommunications
- **Hashim Shawa**, Chairman and General Manager of the Bank of Palestine, PLC.
- **Roland Steininger**, Swiss Consul General/Ambassador in East Jerusalem

Overnight-Jerusalem (American Colony)

Thursday May 28th

9:15 Depart Jerusalem for Ramallah

10:00 – 11:15—Meeting with Ministers of the new Palestinian Authority Cabinet

- **Bassem Khoury**, Minister of Economy
- **Muhammad Shteyyeh**, Minister of Housing and Public Works

11:45 – 13:15—Meeting with Palestinian intellectuals

- **Qaddoura Fares**, member, Fateh Revolutionary Council, former Palestinian Authority Minister
- **Khalil Shikaki**, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research
- **(Dr. Nabeel Kassis**, President, Birzeit University—popped in to say hello at the end)

13:30 – 14:30—Lunch with Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and leader of the Palestinian National Initiative Dr. Mustafa Barghouti

Depart to Jerusalem-Afternoon Break

15:45 Arrive in Bethlehem

16:15 – 17:30— Tour of Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity

- **Sami Awad**, Holy Land Trust

17:30 – 18:45—Meeting with Palestinian Christian leaders

- **Rev. Mitri Raheb**, President, Diyar Consortium

19:00 Depart Bethlehem for Jerusalem Hotel—Tel Aviv/airport

23:35—Delta Flight (TLV-ATL)
Arrive: **Friday, May 29** Atlanta 05:50